

City of Asheville History of Sustainability

• Passed recycled product purchasing policy	1991
• Established residential recycling program	1997
• Conducted first energy audit on a city owned building	1999
• Started phasing in LED traffic signals	2002
• Water Department received ISO 14001 certification	2004
• Became member of the Clean Vehicles Coalition	2004
• Passed green fleet policy	2004
• Purchased first electric vehicle for parking enforcement	2004
• Hired TDM Coordinator to lead alternative commute programs	2005
• Signed Mayors Climate Protection Agreement	2005
• Opened compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling station	2005
• Started phasing in LED emergency exit lights	2006
• Nationally recognized as a Best Workplace for Commuters	2006
• Began emergency ride home program for alternative commuters	2006
• Conducted Transit Fare Free pilot program	2006
• Became members of ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability	2007
• Established the Sustainability Advisory Committee on Energy and the Environment	2007
• Passed resolution to reduce carbon footprint 2% each year	2007
• Passed resolution to build LEED certified buildings	2007
• Established Climate Commitment Partnership with Warren Wilson College	2007
• Biodiesel pilot project using B5 in all municipal diesel fleet	2007
• Approved sustainable residential building fee waivers	2007
• Completed municipal carbon emissions inventory	2007
• Hired Energy Coordinator	2008
• Implemented 4/10 workschedule for 20% of employees	2008
• Conducted first staff energy conservation campaign	2008
• Implemented automatic computer shutdown program	2009
• Passed resolution committing to implement Sustainability Management Plan	2009
• Received ARRA funding to increase City's Sustainability Office & programs	2010
• Hired Sustainability Outreach Specialist and Retrofit Project Manager	2010
• City Building Inspectors and Maintenance Staff completed HERS training	2010
• Established Green Team to focus on organizational sustainability initiatives	2010
• Launched comprehensive recycling program in 70% of City Facilities	2010
• Implemented recycling outreach program with City Community Centers	2010
• Completed 4 energy retrofit projects to reduce municipal carbon footprint	2010
• Implemented Sustainability Works Program Workshop Series with staff	2010